

Anwar Ditta Defence Committee,
127 Crawford Street,
Rochdale.

Dear Comrades,

We are writing to you to enlist your support for the campaign the Anwar Ditta Defence Committee is at present conducting.

On Wednesday 30th July, the adjudicator at Manchester Immigration Court rejected Anwar Ditta's appeal on behalf of her three children in Pakistan. Once again the racist British Home Office and its agents have refused permission for the children to come home to Rochdale. On Wednesday 30th July we saw the true face of British imperialist 'justice'. The adjudicator ignored all Anwar Ditta's evidence and launched a vicious racist attack on the parents and their witnesses. Anwar Ditta's family has now been split up by the British immigration laws for more than 4½ years. Both parents and children have been subjected to intolerable suffering. Now the parents and their witnesses are being subjected to a personal trial for no other reason than that they have stood up and fought for their right to live a united and normal family life.

The Anwar Ditta Defence Committee will now intensify its campaign. For the past six months it conducted a very successful campaign of pickets, speaking tours and demonstrations. It won support from large sections of the black community, from trade unions and succeeded in widely publicising the racist oppression to which Anwar Ditta's family is subjected. It is clearer than ever now that only a massive national and international campaign can succeed in winning for Anwar Ditta her right to have her three children home. The adjudicator's decision demonstrated that there can be no justice or democracy by appeals to the British state. These can be won only with the support of the black community, the working class and socialist movement. We are therefore appealing to you to give your support to the campaign.

Anwar Ditta's fight, and the Anwar Ditta Defence Committee's campaign is not an isolated one. Anwar Ditta is one amongst thousands of other black people who have had their families broken up by the British state's immigration laws. The fight being conducted by the Anwar Ditta Defence Committee is a fight against the racist British state and a fight for all those who suffer at the hands of the British state's racist oppression. It is part and parcel of the struggle not only against the immigration controls, but against the racist police and courts. If Anwar Ditta wins her fight, it will be a victory for all black people and for the working class movement as a whole. We urge you therefore to give complete support to the campaign.

As a matter of the greatest urgency we need your financial support. The cost of conducting the campaign is immense, so too is the cost of preparing a further appeal. Not only does the latter involve legal costs but includes also expenses for travelling which witnesses will incur.

A financial donation from your organisation and your branches will therefore be greatly appreciated. If you could also give constant publicity to the campaign, with a supplement on contributions, that too will be appreciated.

In conducting the campaign we will also require publicity for events and actions we organise. If we could have free advertising space in your newspaper, the campaign will of course be greatly assisted.

The first major activity of the campaign since the Appeal result was announced was a very successful public meeting in Rochdale on Sunday August 10th. This was attended by over 70 people and demonstrated solid support from the local community.

The next major event will be a demonstration in Rochdale on Saturday September 6th, assembling at Mere Street, Rochdale at 12.00 noon. Please ensure that all your members and branches are informed of this and asked to bring contingents and banners to the demonstration.

Messages of solidarity and financial contributions can be sent to the Anwar Ditta Defence Committee at the above address. If you wish to obtain further information then please write to the above address.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

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